--- RS-2† - Division Open – Black - BOXES - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- recess printed on *block watermarked* thick wove - perforated 12 ---

--- 60 x 112 mm. - "VICT. XXXI - CAP. VIII" - 5 mm. blue controls - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- with "*S. M. Return No.*" ..... on the 4th line ---

--- RM-66 overprinted FIVE LBS. SNUFF / NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE ---

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On July 1st 1883 all BOXES and CADDY stamps were declared to be obsolete. The taxation of snuff began with the Budget of 1883. The catalogue lists this SNUFF overprint on *obsolete copies* of the black "Division Open" Boxes stamps as **RS-2**. Previously snuff had been taxed as "Manufactured Tobacco".

Manufactured tobacco -	1867 -	10¢ per pound
	1870 -	15¢ per pound
	1874 -	20¢ per pound
Snuff - in 1883 - Over 40% moisture -		8¢ per pound
Not more than 40% moisture -		12¢ per pound

The catalogue lists this provisional five pound, black, "Not More than 40% Moisture" snuff strip as follows:

RS-2† - overprinted **FIVE** LBS. **SNUFF** / NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE on the 1868 Division Open BOXES, black, perf 12, with 5 mm. blue controls, recess printed on *block watermarked* thick wove - **WANTED!**

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